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Ms. Linda C. Bridwell
Executive Director
Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615

Re: *In the Matter of: Electronic Application of Meade County Solar LLC for a Certificate of Construction for an Approximately 40 Megawatt Merchant Electric Solar Generating Facility in Meade County, Kentucky pursuant to KRS 278.700 and 807 KAR 5:110 – Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting Case No. 2020-00390 – **Public Comment of Big Rivers Electric Corporation***

Dear Ms. Bridwell:

Big Rivers Electric Corporation (“*Big Rivers*”) submits this public comment in support of the application of Meade County Solar, LLC (“*Meade County Solar*”) for a construction certificate, and respectfully asks that the Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting (the “*Siting Board*”) issue a decision on the application no later than October 31, 2021.

As the members of the Kentucky Public Service Commission (the “*Commission*” or “*P.S.C.*”) are aware, Big Rivers entered into a Power Purchase Agreement (“*PPA*”) with Meade County Solar to purchase all of the output of the proposed solar facility. The PPA is an important part of Big Rivers’ mission to provide low cost, reliable power to our three member distribution cooperatives and their approximately 119,000 retail customers. The Commission approved the PPA on September 28, 2020, in P.S.C. Case No. 2020-00183.

On July 2, the Siting Board extended the deadline for a decision in this matter to November 30, 2021. Section 2.10(c) of the PPA gives Meade County Solar the right to terminate the PPA if it has not received a construction certificate from the Siting

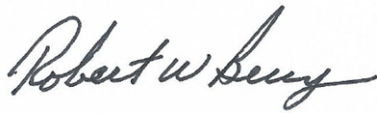


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Board by October 31, 2021. Therefore, we respectfully ask that the Siting Board issue a construction certificate to Meade County Solar on or before October 31, 2021.

Thank you for your consideration, and please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert W. Berry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Robert W. Berry
President & CEO

